Mangbetu

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1 Language Information

• Source: Vekens (1928)

• Glottlog: https://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mang1394

• ISO-identifier: mbj

• Speakers:

• Location: Democratic Republic of Congo

• Geneology: Central Sudanic > Mangbetu-Asua > Mangbetuic > Mangbetu

2 Nominal Morphology

There are two numbers in Mangbetu - singular and plural. Plurality can be marked by change in the suffix or change in the tone. Some words have different roots for singular and plural.

3 Verbal Morphology

The verb agrees with the subject in person and number. In some cases, the form for 1SG is the same as the one for 1PL, and the form for 2SG equals the one for 2PL.

4 Conjunction

Coordination in Mangbetu is marked by ba/aba 'and' and bu/abu 'and'.

5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by bu/abu 'or'.

6 Prepositions

- 1. *tô* 'with, for, to, because of'
- 2. no 'with, by means of'
- 3. ru/oro 'with, by means of'
- 4. ko/kala 'to, for, for the benefit of'
- 5. *bu* 'with'
- 6. ba 'towards'

References

Vekens, A. (1928). *La langue des Makere, des Medje et des Mangbetu*. Ghent: Editions Dominicaines Veritas.